

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

I currently only subscribe to a local calling land line. My cell phone is used for emergencies and a very small amount of long distance and regional calling. Furthermore, the cost of my land line is surcharged, taxed and fee'd to the extent that it is in excess of 33% of my total bill. As a senior, I need to keep my fixed costs under very close scrutiny in order to afford the other necessities of life. I implore you to keep the aging population in mind. Also, how about the struggling lower middle class?

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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